



## Alternative Camping Options Near Chaco

Occasionally, the 49 regular sites and 2 group sites in Gallo Campground fill. Usually, this occurs on Friday and Saturday afternoons, holiday weekends, and on other unpredicted days when many visitors and groups happen to converge. Here are some nearby options when our campground is full.

**Ruby Ranch:** A working cattle ranch 16 miles south of the park on Hwy 57 (rough dirt road) invites individuals and groups to camp at their ranch. There is unlimited camping (\$5.00 per person/per night) at the ranch. Camping is primitive and campers will need to be self contained (i.e., bring their own food and water, pack out all trash and properly dispose of human waste). The ranch can accommodate large groups. Large groups may need to make arrangements to rent portable toilets through local vendors. Call Mickey or Amy Williams at (505) 979-0614 for further details.

**Outlier Campsites:** The Outlier offers camping along with views of Mt. Taylor, a scenic trail, trash receptacles, portable toilet, and fire pits. Excursions also available (see pamphlet at site). Prices: \$20.00 per camp site or \$7.00 per person if more than 5 people. Located 21 miles south of park on Navajo Hwy 9; two miles east of the Hwy 57 (shown as Highway 14 on some maps) and Navajo 9 intersection. Watch for Outlier camping signs along the highway. Campsites are on the south side of the road. For information, contact Steve Williams at (505) 655-3246 or [williamsstewill@yahoo.com](mailto:williamsstewill@yahoo.com).

**Lybrook Mercantile:** A trading post located near Mile Marker 103 on US Hwy 550, 34 miles from Chaco (on the way to Cuba & Albuquerque). Tent camping is \$10.00 per night. There are 6 RV sites with hook-ups at \$20.00 per night. There are no showers. Restrooms, laundry, gas, propane, groceries, and food service are available at the post from 8:00am to 6:00pm. Water is available for RVs. Call (575)-568-4477 for more info. Closed on Sunday.

**Angel Peak Scenic Area:** A Scenic Area managed by the Bureau of Land Management is located 39 miles north of Chaco, off US 550 on CR 7175. Look for a turnoff just south of mile marker 137. A dirt road leads 6 miles to the primitive campground. Angel peak Campground has nine sites available for tent camping; each with picnic tables and fire grates. Picnic shelters are located at three campsites, two with single shelters and one with a double shelter suitable for larger groups. Two accessible vault toilets and trash receptacles are conveniently located in the campground. A short nature trail leads to an overlook of the spectacular canyon. No electrical hookups or water are available. Contact BLM-Farmington Field Office at (505) 599-8900. Visit their web site at: [http://www.nm.blm.gov/recreation/farmington/angel\\_peak\\_scenic\\_area.htm](http://www.nm.blm.gov/recreation/farmington/angel_peak_scenic_area.htm).

In addition to these sites, there are commercial campgrounds available in Cuba, Bloomfield, Farmington, Grants, and Gallup. National Park Service campgrounds are also located at Mesa Verde National Park, Canyon de Chelly National Monument, El Malpais & El Moro National Monument, and Bandelier National Park.